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The Honorable Dave Camp
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The Honorable Sander Levin
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RE: Opposition to H.R. 5536

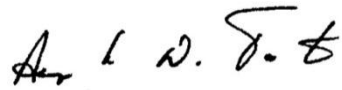
Dear Chairman Camp and Ranking Member Levin:

The American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition (AMTAC) represents U.S. manufacturers of various types of textile and apparel products. We are writing to strongly oppose H.R. 5536, a bill to suspend temporarily the rate of duty on textile fabrics of man-made fibers impregnated, coated, covered or laminated with polyurethane, of fabrics other than those specified in note 9 to section XI, other than those of over 70 percent by weight of rubber or plastics (provided for in subheading 5903.20.25).

We are opposed to this bill because it grants duty relief to products that are made here in the United States. Milliken & Company, based in Spartanburg, SC, is currently producing the fabric described in this bill. In addition, the U.S. Industrial Fabrics Institute (USIFI), which is an associate member of AMTAC, includes U.S. producers of many types of coated fabrics. Two such companies are Trelleborg Engineered Solutions in Spartanburg, SC, and Twitchell Corporation, in Dothan, AL, which both produce this particular fabric. Performance Fibers, headquartered in Huntersville, NC, produces man-made polyester fibers in the United States which are used to produce the subject fabrics and are consumed by textile weaving and coating mills in the United States. Granting duty-free treatment on the subject fabric would have a negative impact on these domestic producers and their employees.

As a result, we oppose the inclusion of H.R. 5536 in any final Miscellaneous Tariff Bill (MTB) package. Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment on H.R. 5536. We greatly appreciate your noting our opposition to this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. I. N. T. B." with a stylized flourish at the end.

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